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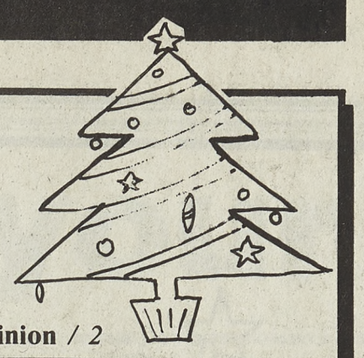

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Angry students protest cuts

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Managing Editor

Yesterday's budget rally to protest education cuts climaxed with a loud vocal protest and sit-in in the Administration Building with students blowing whistles and chanting in a scene reminiscent of the '60's.

Following the budget rally in Monarch Square, a group of about 100 student activists gathered in the counseling area of Administration and began a 90-minute protest. Each minute was representative of each class that was cut this semester.

Student leader Doug Bruce conducted much of the sit-in demanding "student rights now" and "power to the people."

And when the protesters learned President Mary Lee's office door was closed, they decided to get louder.

"Hear our message! FUCK Wilson! More money now!" They chanted repeatedly.

One student leader reminded protesters that student involvement was effective in saving the canceled AIDS class a few weeks ago and encouraged them to keep their energy.

Soon after the sit-in began, Frank Dallas, campus police officer, spoke to the protesters.

"I'm with you," he said. "The impact hits me too. But I want to suggest that this conduct might be counterproductive."

But Dallas only came to speak. He said the students had a right to assemble. "I'm here to protect that," he said.

"They have a right to be heard. All we do is protect property." He added that it was unfortunate that the sit-in had to interfere with other students.

Indeed, the sit-in took place in the same area where prospective Valley students were filing applications for the spring semester.

To deal with the disturbance, admissions workers moved their operations to their back offices. Campus police escorted the prospective students in line past the sit-in and to the back room so they could file their applications peacefully.

Meanwhile, the chanting continued. "What do we want?

"Education!

"When do we want it?

"Now!"

"We will not be puppets!" some yelled.

"Students united, we'll never be defeated!"

When some people outside suggested that the 'disruption of the operation of this office might not be appropriate,' sit-in organizers mocked the suggestion and yelled louder.

At one point someone asked if there was anyone there who was opposed to their position and gave anyone a chance to speak out. No one came forward.

A big banner displayed the address of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

Other signs demanded that education be funded.

Administrators dropped by to view the demonstration, but weren't upset by the sit-in.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Tyree Weider said, "I think it's great. I hope they're being heard."

President Lee said she didn't mind the protest if "that's what will get other student's attention.

"If students can still register then I don't mind," Lee said.

Students called for her and student leader Bruce requested she address those at the sit-in, but Lee said she had another function to attend and declined the offer.

ASU President Erica Hauck, who was not part of the sit-in, did address the group.

"This is great support," she said. "We need to continue doing this to the people who are in power. But it's not Valley College that's cutting the funding." She encouraged students to protest to the Board of Trustees, local, state and national government.

"Valley College is cutting more classes and we're underfunded for other schools our size," she said.

Vice President of Administration Mary Ann Breckell said she was happy that students and the student government at Valley were becoming active, but thought it might be a little irresponsible by interrupting other students that were trying to register.

She also said that the counseling department was disrupted and counseling has been ceased during the protest.

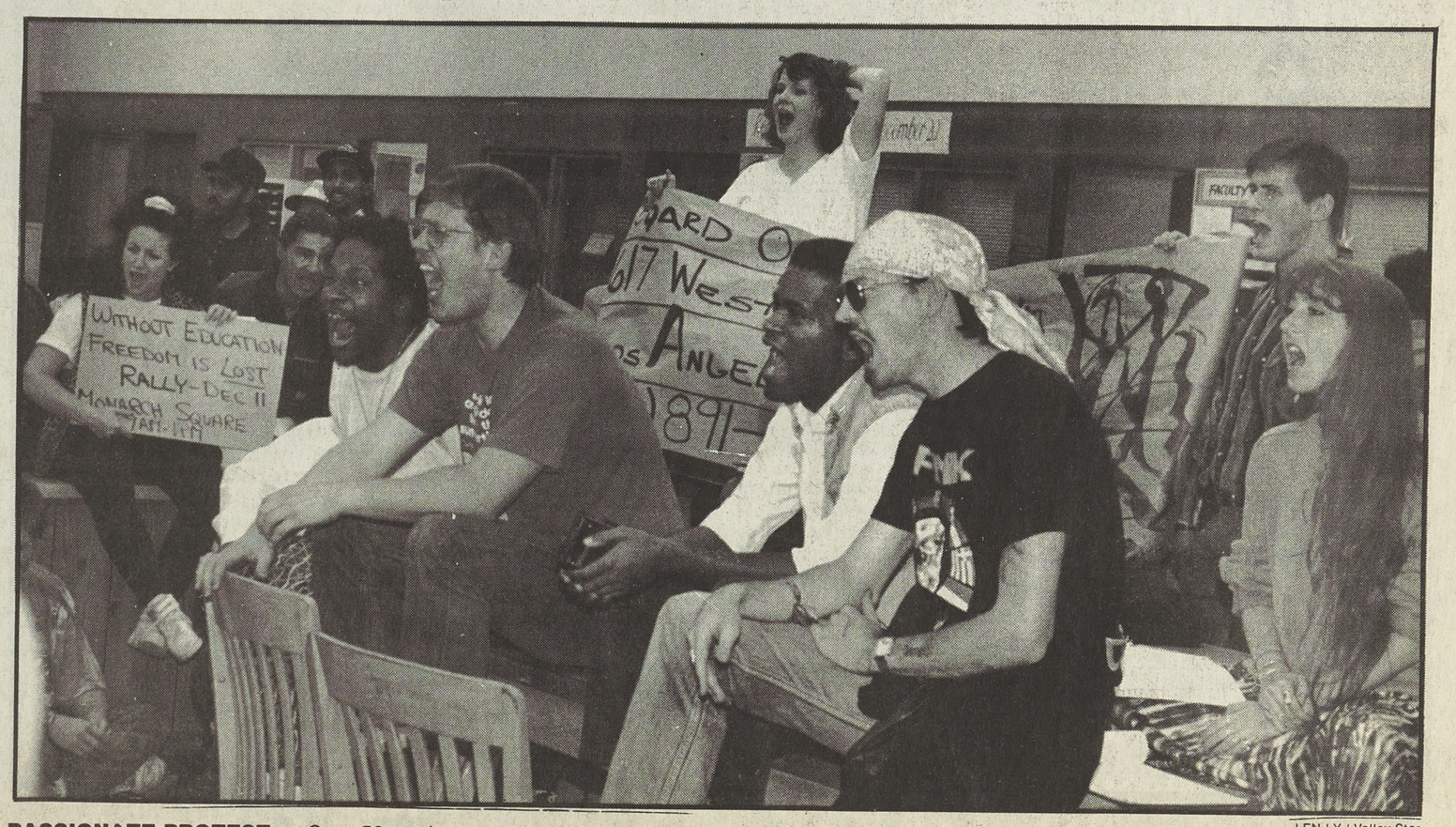
"It's nice that students care," she added.

Toward the end of the 90 minutes, Mike Vivian, professor of sociology, attempted to calm the crowd. He suggested finding the address of Assemblyman Tome Bane and consider visiting his office.

The address was quickly discovered and the protesters decided to covene their sit-in at Bane's Van Nuys office in the hopes of convincing Bane to put some pressure on the Board of Trustees.

At Bane's office, they were told to make an appointment if they wanted to see him. No incidents occurred.

"Students united, we'll never be defeated." Valley College students united and made one resounding point: they will not have their right to an education robbed without a fight.



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PASSIONATE PROTEST — Over 50 students went to the Administration Building yesterday to actively protest the budget cuts. Students protested for 90 minutes, each minute symbolizing each class that was cut this semester. Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administration, said it was nice that students and the student government were becoming active.

Fee hike —

Poll shows students in favor

By JANE DiMURO
Staff Writer

More than 70 percent of Valley students polled this week said that if raising the tuition would keep classes from being cut, the students said they would pay more money.

Out of the 100 students that were polled this week, most students said they didn't want an increase and couldn't afford one, but that education is a priority they care about.

More than 75 percent believe that students should have some imput regarding what classes should be cut, if that is neccessary.

"Every class is important in it's own way," Cecil Ingram said.

Some students said that certain classes should have more of a priority. "Classes for a degree should not be cut," Ari Neugroschl said.

Some suggested areas were non-academic areas such as music and physical education.

Although students put classes high on their priority list, Valley's tenured teachers got praise and a vote of confidence from about 75 percent of the students who would not want to see them replaced by younger teachers to save money for classes.

A diverse number of suggestions on how to alleviate the financial problems causing the cuts in classes were also offered by many students.

Several students said money that was spent on other things such as the military should be spent on education.

"Education is more important than bombs," Vahe Manoukian said.

"There will be nothing left to defend if we're a nation of illiterates," Harry Slaughter added.

Many blamed the State and it's use of funds.

"This issue should be taken to Govenor Wilsons doorstep," Andy Kraus said. Rallies, petitions, and demonstrations were also suggested.

Combining like classes was also expressed. Tom O' Malley's idea was to "cut down on the number of classes but not the variety."

Other proprosals included pledges from the business community and shortened classes.

"People should learn to fend for themselves. If they can't get the classes they want, they should go somewhere else," Walter Kowalski said.

Ahmad Mohommeh concluded, "They have to offer all the classes because I pay taxes."

Apathy takes back seat

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Managing Editor

The perennial college student apathy took a backseat yesterday as more than 500 Valley students and many faculty members attended a budget rally to fight education cuts at Valley.

The rally, held from 9 a.m. to noon in Monarch Square was a forum for a myriad of speakers and a voter registration drive.

Organized by ASU Treasurer Rene Chavez and ASU Chief Justice Eathan Guler, the rally prompted some teachers to suspend their classes and students to cut theirs.

Guler, at the rally opening, said, "If students don't take a voice now, we are going to continue to be screwed."

ASU Vice President Jesse-Hernandez said that students need to show unity in "making education a right, not a damn privilige.

Speaker Grace Aaron the Southern California Coordinator for Sane Freeze emphazied the point metaphorically.

"If you're going to wait around for someone perfect to marry, you'll die a virgin."

Other speakers emitted disgust and fury at the education crisis.

Political Science Professor Farrel Broslawsky, upon taking the podium, told the students not to go to their next classes. And added, if they went, that they should ask their teachers why they're holding classes. That nothing could happen in the next 45 minutes that's equivalent to the rally importance.

Broslawsky lamented bad politicans and lack of funding.

"They say, 'we'd like to give you more money, but we don't have any money,' and people accept that ... bulls#!t, there's money," he said.

Chuck Jorgensen, professor of political science and history, called the crisis a "systematic destruction of education."

Then he launched into a completely ironic speech to illustrate his point.

"Why should we have ESL classes? he asked. My wife can communicate just fine with the housekeeper." he said to a laughing crowd.

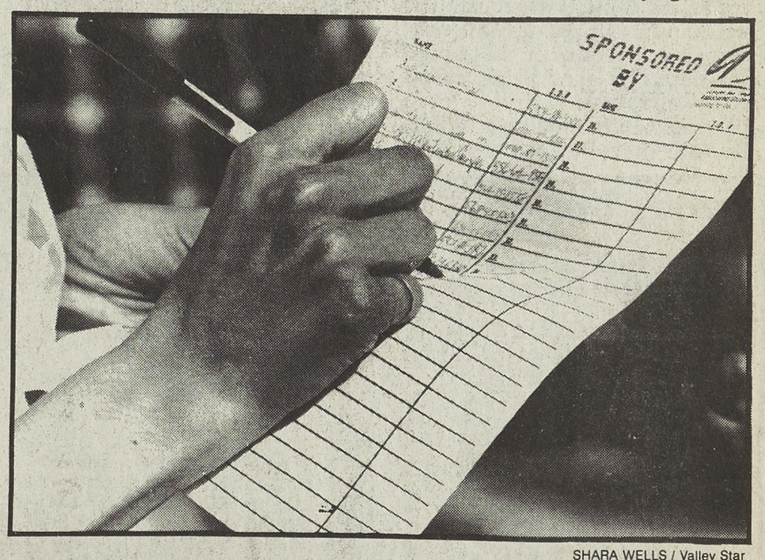
Toward the end of the rally, Chavez and Hernandez reminded the crowd that there will be two buses taking students to the Feb. 12 meeting of the Board of Trustees. At that meeting, the Board will be making funding decisions affecting Valley College.

Many people also circulated form letters to Governor Pete Wilson at the rally.

The majority of students at yesterday's rally expressed immense irration by yelling from the audience and by taking advantage of the open forum provided for them to speak at the close of the rally.

Hernandez said Chancellor Donald Phelps was invited to the rally, as were the other Board of Trustees members (Trustee Patrick Owens did attend and speak).

"They didn't come," Hernandez said. "They don't give a flying f*#k."



SHARA WELLS / Valley Star

SIGN-UP BY ASU — A petition was circulated opposing the budget cuts. After enough signatures are circulated, ASU will take the petitions to the Board of Trustees on Feb. 12, 1992.

VALLEY STAR POLL

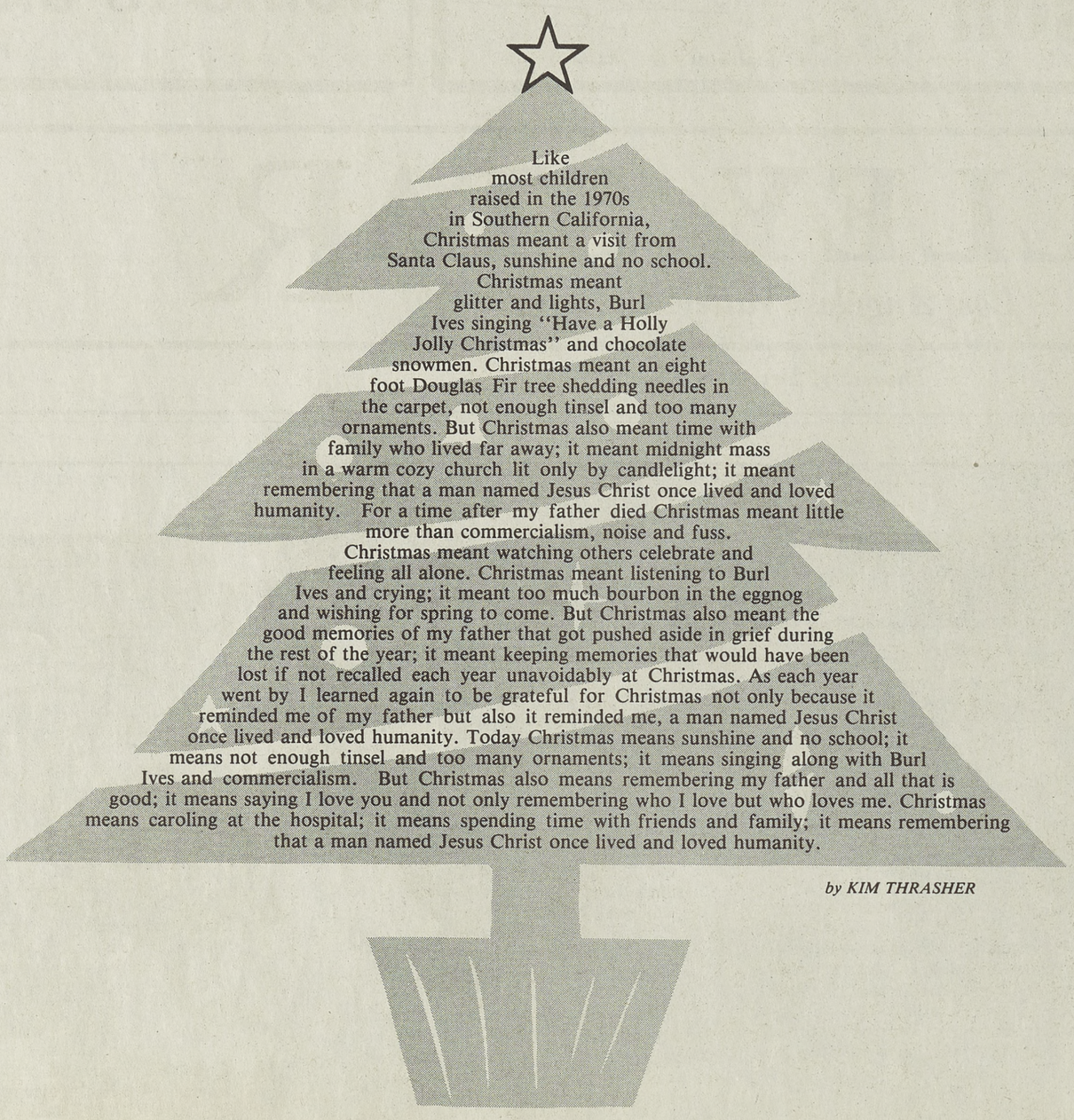
How do you feel about the education budget cuts? Let us know and we'll send the results directly to Govenor Wilson's office in Sacramento.

Answer the following questions, and then clip the coupon and return it to B25 before Dec. 19.

BUDGET CUTS

1) **Do you know that approximately 120 classes are being cut?**
   Yes No I don't care
2) **Are you willing to pay more tuition?**
   Yes No I don't care
3) **Should the student body decide what classes are to be cut?**
   Yes No I don't care
4) **What do you think can be done about it?**

CHRISTMAS



Like most children raised in the 1970s in Southern California, Christmas meant a visit from Santa Claus, sunshine and no school. Christmas meant glitter and lights, Burl Ives singing "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas" and chocolate snowmen. Christmas meant an eight foot Douglas Fir tree shedding needles in the carpet, not enough tinsel and too many ornaments. But Christmas also meant time with family who lived far away; it meant midnight mass in a warm cozy church lit only by candlelight; it meant remembering that a man named Jesus Christ once lived and loved humanity. For a time after my father died Christmas meant little more than commercialism, noise and fuss. Christmas meant watching others celebrate and feeling all alone. Christmas meant listening to Burl Ives and crying; it meant too much bourbon in the eggnog and wishing for spring to come. But Christmas also meant the good memories of my father that got pushed aside in grief during the rest of the year; it meant keeping memories that would have been lost if not recalled each year unavoidably at Christmas. As each year went by I learned again to be grateful for Christmas not only because it reminded me of my father but also it reminded me, a man named Jesus Christ once lived and loved humanity. Today Christmas means sunshine and no school; it means not enough tinsel and too many ornaments; it means singing along with Burl Ives and commercialism. But Christmas also means remembering my father and all that is good; it means saying I love you and not only remembering who I love but who loves me. Christmas means caroling at the hospital; it means spending time with friends and family; it means remembering that a man named Jesus Christ once lived and loved humanity.

by KIM THRASHER

Color the season red and green and blue

By JAE LEVINE WEISS
Staff Writer

Jingle Bells Muzac blares through the shopping mall filled with tinseled boughs. Teenaged elves sell pictures of terrified children forced onto Santa's lap for posterity.

Having circled the parking lot for 45 minutes like hungry vultures ready to kill for the next available parking space, weary shoppers shuffle through the crowd, shifting heavy packages from arm to arm as they wander from store to store, desperately checking price tags.

Among the throngs, many grim-faced shoppers look anything but merry; for any one of a number of reasons, lots of people face the holiday season with gloomy dread.

From the time the first house in the neighborhood lights up in festive red and green, many develop the "Holiday Blues."

Although the holidays may be a joyous time, full of baking, shopping, decorating and planning for parties and tearful reunions with loved ones, many people become overwhelmed by the pressure to purchase manditory gifts with little money in little free time.

The "Hallmark Christmas Special" everyone hopes for is not the reality of most families. The universal expectation of togetherness forces those who are separated by distance, death or divorce to experience a magnified sense of loneliness and isolation over the holiday season.

A widow experiencing her first Christmas alone, or a divorced parent without custody spending a family holiday without the kids, for example, may find the deserted Christmas-day streets, "It's a Wonderful Life" playing on every channel, and the festive holiday music on every radio station to be almost unbearable.

Having a family to spend the time with can be just as terrible for some. People trapped by a sense of obligation to return to the confines of dysfunctional families often suffer the reopening of old wounds as troubled patterns repeat themselves once again.

"Home for the holidays," can actually become a stressful event filled with the bitterness of sibling rivlery, bickering and anger, substance abuse, and even family violence.

Crisis line workers claim that the Christmas season is their busiest time of the year. People seem to succumb to depression and thoughts of suicide in greater numbers during the holidays.

For people whose holiday realities don't match the greeting card fantasy, some pre-planning would be of help in avoiding treacherous holiday blues.

For one thing, if money is tight, DON'T succumb to the feeling that you MUST spend money you don't have on gifts. The old adage, "It's the thought that counts" is even more true in today's economy.

Buy little things that mean a lot. Homemade gifts and home baked goods are always appreciated. Gifts of your time, such as a promise to babysit your sister's kids for a night, cost nothing and can be an invaluable gift for someone you care about who could really use a break.

Make deals with friends not to exchange gifts, don't feel obligated to spend your lunch money on the mailman. Thoughtful cards that let friends know you care will be remembered long after token gifts have been forgotten.

The kids will be just as excited to receive one gift as three. If children seem to expect to get everything they see on TV, it's probably a good time for a lesson in values.

If you won't be able to be with family or if being with relatives is emotionally destructive, plan ahead to spend time with friends or other "Christmas Orphans." Plan a pot luck or go out for dinner.

Even if being alone is unavoidable, de-mistify the day and try to take advantage of the opportunity to have a little time off to do something you really enjoy. There is no law that says that you must spend December 25th under a tree with family and friends.

Often treating yourself to the pleasure of your own company is preferable to trapping yourself in situations that are detrimental and depressing.

"Spoil yourself. You might do anything from curling up with a good book to taking a three day cruise. Buy yourself a present, indulge a whim, give yourself something you'd never buy otherwise but you wish someone would give you."

Spoil yourself. You might do anything from curling up with a good book to taking a three day cruise. Buy yourself a present, indulge a whim, give yourself something you'd never buy otherwise but you wish someone would give you. Depending on your budget, it could be a coveted piece of jewelry, a CD by your favorite group, or just something as silly as a balloon bouquet.

Season's greetings may not always mean "Very Merry." For some the month of December is lonely and hard. If you're one of the people facing a difficult time, don't plan for depression, prepare instead to avoid the pitfalls the holidays bring.

Bustling through the mall this year, stressed out, broke, running out of patience and time, one more round of Frosty the Snowman piped over loud speakers is enough to make even the most enthusiastic holiday shopper scream.

But listen for the other words, the ones that remind us what the season is all about... "Peace on Earth, Good will towards men..." We could all use a little more of that.

Here's wishing everyone Stress-Free Holidays and a Peaceful New Year.

—Letters to the Editor—

"More accurate information"

Dear Editor:

I'm writing on behalf of M.E.Ch.A. to provide a more accurate information about activities and ideologies which M.E.Ch.A. promotes higher education, cultural awareness, self identity, self determination, and community involvement within the Chicano population here at LAVC.

Additionally, M.E.Ch.A. holds a study hall Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Campus Center 104. M.E.Ch.A. provedes free tutoring on various subjects, such as French, Mathematics, Spanish, English, and Chicano Studies.

Sincerely,
Refugio Lepe
M.E.Ch.A. Public Relations

Kudos to *Star*

Dear Editor:

Before more time passes, I want to tell you how much I enjoyed reading a recent issue of Valley Star after a visit to campus. It was well written and edited. I was equally impressed with the list of ACP All-America Honors achieved (somewhere in the '56-'57 period were two of mine).

I'm sure this excellence reflects the many hours you and your staff spend on the publication as well as the dedication of your advisors.

Again, great job.

Sincerely,

Dan L. Fapp, Jr.
Director of Print Communications
Sears, Roebuck and Co.

"Condoms are not the answer... abstinence (is)"

Dear Editor:

Re: "Magic potion for all," and "Aids is real" (*Star* Dec. 5)

Let me ask you a question. Would you engage in sex with a person that you know has AIDS? Would you bet your life on a thin piece of plastic? I think not. Condoms are not the answer folks, they will not protect you against AIDS but abstinence will.

Gays are catching AIDS. Lesbians are catching AIDS. The "sexually liberated" are catching AIDS. Abstinence and the practice of it prevents AIDS. The Choice is yours. It seems that I read a book once that talked about abstinence, what was its name? Oh yea, I remember, the Bible, remember that? Maybe it is time we should.

Brian Cravens

Festival of Lights and dedication

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the Star's informative and well-written article about the holiday of Chanukah by Eva Yelloz (Dec. 5th). In a season when the days are short and nights cold and long, its nice to find reasons to light a candle and warmly celebrate a victory over religious and political/cultural repression that is worth remembering today, as well.

One way to celebrate that never loses its benefits and value, especially when there are many who are hungry, homeless or sick in our city and elsewhere, is to give (tzeh-da-kah) as much as one can to those in need and to established charities.

Chanukah is referred to both as dedication and as the Festival of Lights. The unique quality of light is that the same light can illuminate one and many. It is one short route to spreading goodness in the world that is within the reach of so many of us who are more fortunate that others.

Also, a correction: the Biblical creation story refers to six days or eras, with the seventh day for material rest and creativity of the spirit. But that's a topic for another discussion. Best wishes for your holidays.

Sincerely,

Allan Levine, Ph.D.
Professor, Psychology Dept.

Calculus confusion

Dear Editor:

I am writing to discuss the problem that has been created this semester for the pre-calculus students under Mr. A. Nation. Earlier this semester our instructor suffered from severe back pains and was forced to take sick leave. Mr. Nation announced to the class a couple of Fridays ago that he would not be with us the following week.

That morning my hopes would fall shorter that expected. Waiting in class with only a handfull of other students, we began to realize that by 8:15, no teacher would be greeting us that day. We were without a substitute teacher for the next three days. Coming to class on Friday I wasn't expecting much, but at the chalkboard was our new sub, Mr. Frazier.

On (the following) Friday, Mr. Frazier gave us the disappointing news that he was leaving, but reassured us that Mr. Natian was returning on Monday. So today is Monday, and today we got another substitute. Mr. Holloway, a great teacher who is teaching us a great new, more confusing way of Calculus.

Three teachers and three different methods of teaching has left me more confused than ever. I don't want to say that I've given up on school; I'm just on a temporary vacation, hoping that Mr. Frazier returns.

Seriously needing help,

Cliff Sorensen

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Opinion

Defeminizing your feminist

By JULIE D. BAILEY
Special to the Star

The tactic of keeping a woman barefoot and pregnant may have been an effective weapon against feminism during the first half of the 20th Century but a modern woman faced with such a dilemna would simply find a job and take a week off work to deliver her baby.

Since World War II, when women as a group were encouraged to leave their homes and fill work positions vacated by men called into military service, more and more women have discovered personal accomplishment and satisfaction outside the home environment which has evoked a sense of aggressive self-assurance in them.

If you are a man who is insecure about and uncomfortable with this aggressive self-assurance in your woman you can take hope in the fact that you are not without recourse.

By utilizing the following master plan comprised of separate anti-feminist tactics already in use by various individual members of the male species, you can gradually erode your woman's confidence in her ability to handle non-family environments while at the same time, presenting your home as the only place of refuge.

It is very important that these attempts at reversing feminism in your woman be applied only gradually.

Although you may wish to demand that she quit her job immediately, such head-on strategy will meet resistance from her and the loss of her wages could have a devastating effect on the family income.

Have faith in the male executives of the business world who will consistantly steer your woman into lower-paying, female-oriented work as a secretary who gets coffee for and cleans up after her boss, or boring, mind-killing, repetitious work as a typist or computer data entry operator.

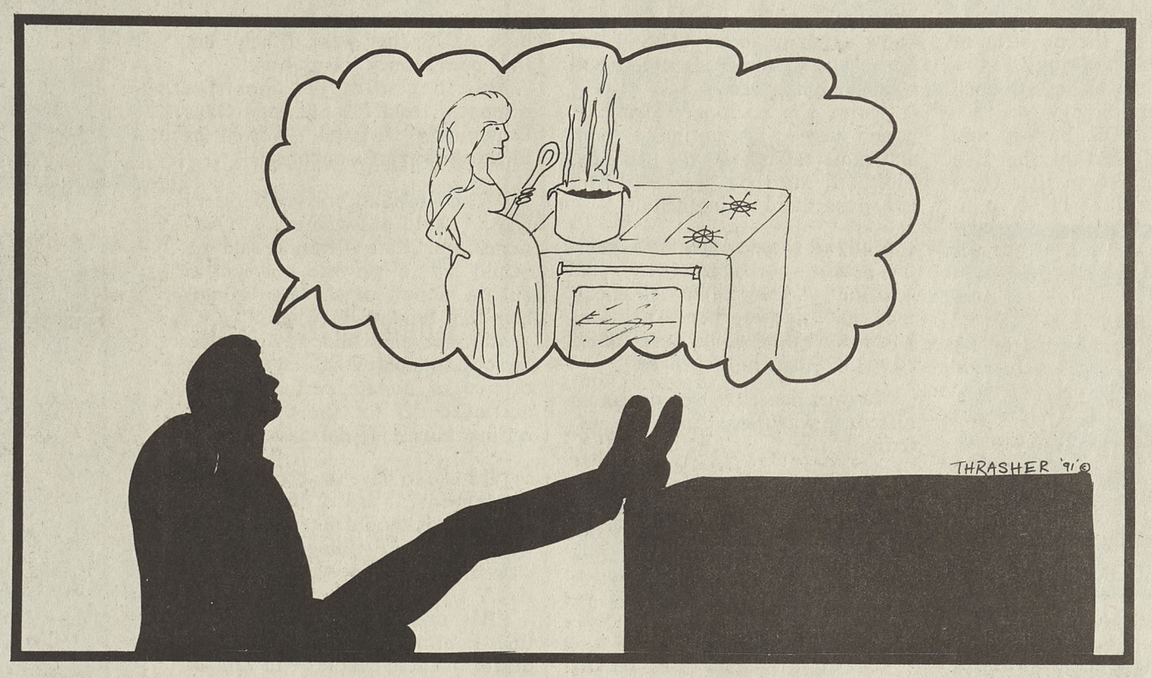
It will be advantageous for you to encourage her to accept a job of this type because such work closely resembles serving and cleaning up after you and reflects the chore of washing the same dishes a million times.

You could also try encouraging her to accept part time work because such jobs do not include health benefits and she would be completely dependent on you to provide her health insurance through your work.

Try as much as possible to use your woman's paycheck only for purchasing luxury items such as the family vacation or a second VCR machine. Never use it for payment of necessities such as rent or food as this will give her the impression that she monetarily contributes to the support of the family and this will undermine your position as a breadwinner.

Also, only use your wages to buy a second car for your woman's use. This will cause her to be indebted to you for apparently providing her with the freedom to travel outside the home as she chooses. If you handle the matter correctly, you can turn this into an extremely effective weapon in undermining her confidence.

The car should be clearly identified as a second family automobile which will be available to you at a moments notice in the event your car breaks down. This will let your woman know that the car is not really her property and is only on loan to her from you.



The automobile should also be large and difficult to drive or park, and prone to break down. This will keep your woman in a constant subconscious state of anxiety whenever she drives it. Which in turn, will prevent her from driving too far from your house and she will always be relieved to return to the security of your residence.

Your woman's discomfort with travel outside the home environment can be increased if you make a few simple requests of her on a daily basis.

Ask her to pick up your shirts at the laundry, mail some letters for you, or buy an item at a store. These requests, coupled with her regular chores such as grocery shopping and picking the children up at school, will make her long to be away from the tension of driving and in the quiet comfort of your house.

The desire to return to the safe comfort of your home will be intensified if she also works full or part time at a real job.

Any attempt on her part to discover where to replace oil or water in the car must be vehemently discouraged by you. Casually but firmly state that you will take care of it for her and then do so on a regular basis without further comment.

Your woman will become further dependent on you and you will maintain a status as a mechanical genius who has the power to understand the mystical workings of machinery.

As well as keeping control of the car, you must also assume full responsibility for all financial matters within your family.

A joint bank account with your woman will assuage any misgivings she has about her lack of monetary control but see to it that you alone actually do the banking and check writing.

Set aside a particular time each month when you look over the monthly bills and pay them. At the same time, pick out at least two bills each month that you can question her about, Point out the extravagant nature of these expenditures in relation to your budget.

This will make her feel guilty and irresponsible and knowing that the sequence will be repeated month after month, she will form a subconscious pattern of preconceived dread on a regular basis which will predispose her to please you.

Additional control over your woman can be assured if you also incorporate a predetermined time pattern for sexual intercourse. Knowing the exact time and day that sex between the two of you is to take place will allow you to make sure she is worn out before copulation occurs.

The advantage of this is two-fold. You can always be the aggressor and can climax without having to wait for her to achieve the same state. Both will result in your woman assuming a subordinate role to your male dominancy.

With careful planning you can also maintain a dominant role in your woman's choice of friends and entertainment.

Discourage any friendships she might form with single or divorced women by bringing any real or imaginary negative personality traits of these women to her attention on a regular basis.

Under no circumstances permit her to participate in a girl's-night-out. If she makes such a request, immediately counteract it by stating that you wanted to take her out to dinner or a movie.

You will be unable to use this tactic on a continuous basis without alerting your woman to your scheme so make sure your social calendar includes many engagements with married friends of your choosing that you must attend as a couple for the advancement of your career.

Your constant vigilance will be required to foresee any inherent dangers in group meetings.

PTA meetings should be attended as a couple because of the myriad numbers of career mothers who now attend such meetings without male escorts.

Even women who volunteer as candy strippers at hospitals can be reached by self-help group members because many such groups, Over-Eaters Annonymous for example, now hold meetings in hospital conference rooms and any contact between self-help group members and your woman could have disasterous results.

You can reduce the possibilities of accidental meetings between your woman and those members of society who would present a danger to your defeminizing cause by simply staying at home in the evenings. However, be aware that dangers lurk on the home front as well.

Television programming must be carefully monitored by you. Purchase a remote control device and quickly establish it as your personal toy.

This will allow you to effortlessly tune out show such as *Murphy Brown, Designing Women or L.A. Law* whenever your woman enters the room. These programs are undesirable for your woman's viewing because they feature a preponderance of aggressive, professional career women in their scripts.

You will not be able to control her daytime viewing but the only threat in this programming is the advertisements encouraging people to enroll in trade schools. While viewing these ads, your woman may get the notion to return to school herself.

If this happens do not, repeat do not, attempt a frontal assault. After she has enrolled begin a slow but continuous hit and run operation.

Display your irritation at the time she devotes to her homework instead of to your needs. Interrupt her constantly as she is studying with numerous requests, questions and noises. Set up appointments for her at the same time her classes are in session. Hopefully the family car will break down. If it doesn't do it by itself give it a helping hand.

Creativity is the key word here and if you place enough irritation and obstacles in your woman's path she will eventually give up the idea of returning to school.

Remember, that it has taken many decades of societal change to produce the evolution of women from obedient chattel to modern agressive females so attuned to their freedoms that even the phrase "all men are created equal" is offensive to them.

If you exercised the options listed above 24 hours a day it would still take a long time to cool the fever of freedome in your feminist woman. Be patient and secure in the knowledge that you are not alone in your efforts.

Many segments of society are also working towards the same goal as yourself. *Playboy* magazine, T.V. late-night talk advertising lines, soap operas, talk shows, game shows and many business executives are all one your side.

Valley students show Jeckyll and Hyde attitudes toward budget cuts

By JAMEY DEKOFSKY
and CHRISTOPHER SHARPE
Staff Writers

It wasn't the gloom of the clouds, rain or cold that cast an unrelenting pallor over Valley College. Rather, it has been the impending budget cuts, that lay waiting in the moldy corners of the school district's attic.

In a recent survey taken by Journalism I students, findings suggest a Jekyll and Hyde characteristic amidst the attitudes of Valley students.

On the one hand, students show a firm awareness of the budget crisis. While, on the other hand, only a small percentage signed, or were even aware of, the Associated Student Union (ASU) sponsored petition, protesting further budget cuts, circulating around campus.

"I'm really an unaware first semester student," said Wendy Walker, a liberal arts major. "I didn't know about them (budget cuts). I'm just trying to figure out what's going on."

Apparently, so are the rest of Valley's students.

While Valley's campus has been peppered with signs advertising the budget cut rally; and a petition has been circulating on campus for three weeks, students still appear to be in a daze of unawareness concerning *how* they will be affected by the cuts. Or, if the cuts will affect them at all.

In an era where budget cuts occur every semester, this lack of insight will be short-lived. By the time Valley students awaken from their slumber, the nightmare of lost classes and subsequent loss of education will have come true.

"Education is the backbone of society, and there is no bone marrow anymore," said Roger Langford, a biology major. "It's decaying."

What could be the reason for this pervasive ignorance of the student body?

According to the study, indications suggest that the extra strain of holding jobs affords students little time to become aware of student affairs. Only when the issues block the students path will students become aware of the gravity of the situation.

That is unfortunate.

It appears the students are being played for fools. Due to these recessive times, students are forced to work longer hours. This factor, coupled with a regular school work load, allows students little time to stay abreast of issues unfolding before them. Issues that most likely will affect their future.

The, as of yet, unannounced cut classes depend upon the whim of the bureaucracy.

But one thing is for certain: classes will be cut.

This does not mean that classes cannot be saved. On the contrary. Through appropriate action, such as the budget rally and petition, students can institute change. They can make a difference.

Only through education can one open the doors of knowledge and awareness. That is the key. Once that key is lost, the doors may close forever.

LAURA DURAN contributed to story

Watchdog agencies needed

By EVA YELLOZ
Staff Writer

As much as I've applauded the decline of labor unions and federal watchdog agencies' "protective hands," today I look back at my motives.

I was raised in a poor, immigrant neighborhood of New York City, where freedom of speech, religion and free enterprise were on top of the list for immigrating to America.

From conversations I overheard as a child between my father and his entrepreneurial friends, I was given the impression that the government and the unions only hampered their business attempts by interfering with speedy production, raising the cost of labor, making too many rules and causing problems for "the Boss."

I grew up wanting independence from such governing agencies. I was humane and just. If I ever owned a business, I'd treat my employees with respect and trust.

Now that I do have a business, my attitudes towards workers are the same. Unfortunately, not all business people share my views. I, for example, could never imagine myself locking fire exit doors to reduce employee theft.

Recently, at Imperial Food Products in Hamlet, North Carolina, 25 workers died of smoke inhalation and 56 more were injured. A report in the L. A. Times noted that doors were kept locked to stop employees from stealing chicken parts.

Why couldn't this "worried" company have hired a guard to deter these supposed thefts, rather than lock the fire exit doors? Where were the watchdog agencies and the protective unions who look out for the often poor and uneducated food handlers/workers who are not always aware of the occupational dangers in their midst and are afraid to voice their fears for loss of their jobs?

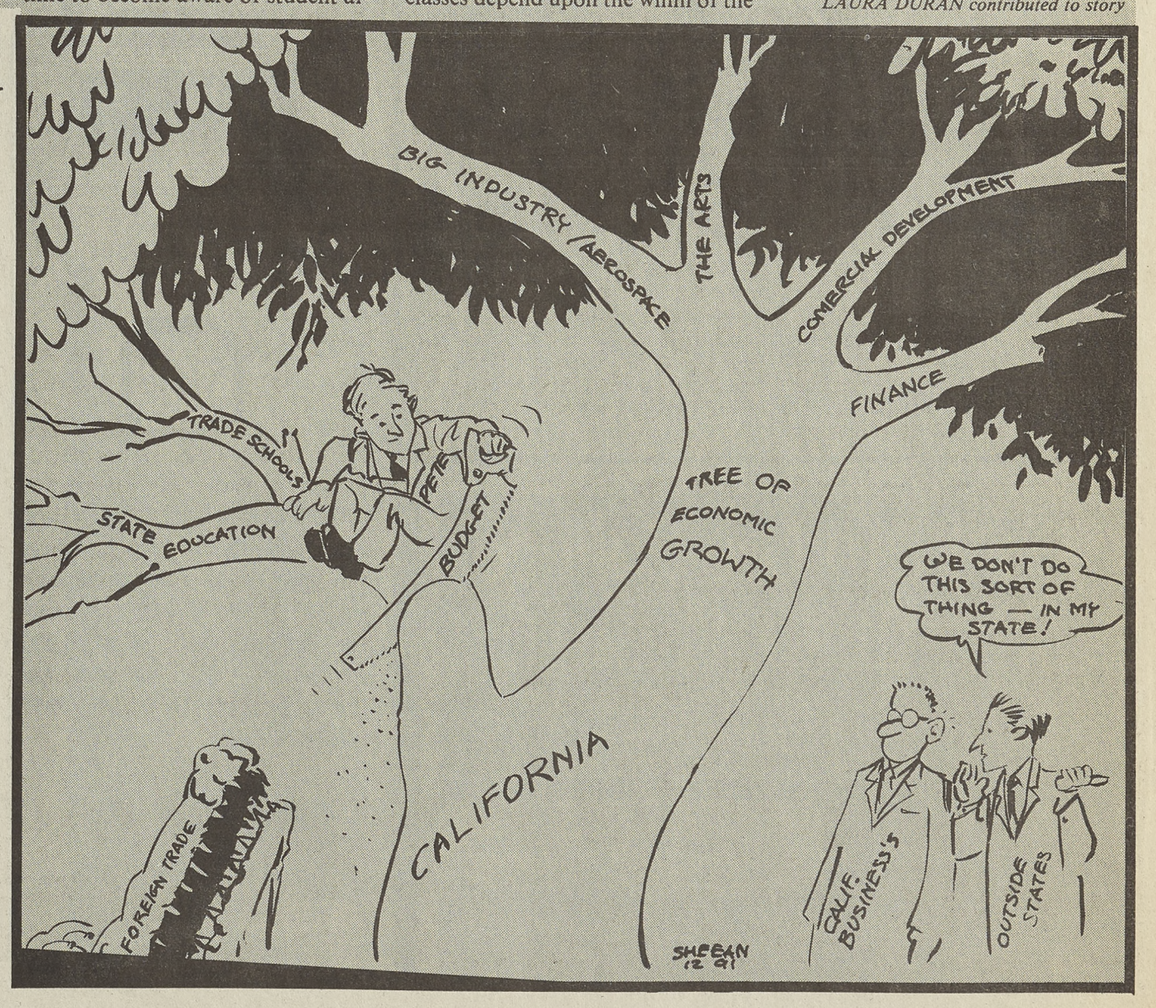
According to the L.A. Times article, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) had not inspected Imperial Foods in the ll years it has been operating. There are 27 states that are allowed to do their own inspections. North Carolina is one of them. Their labor department is understaffed and their local fire and health departments have been neglectful.

Since the Reagan/Bush Administration, OSHA's operating budget has been crippled. Americans have been convinced that they are better off without government intervention. Must it take a tragedy as the one in Hamlet, North Carolina to remind ourselves that our industry needs to be regularly policed?

As a result of this fire, I have reevaluated my personal beliefs about government and labor union involvement in the workplace. American industry has behaved like the camel who couldn't see its' own hump.

According to a reprint from Associated Press appearing recently in the L.A. Times, the federal government has taken over enforcement of many of North Carolina's worker safety programs in an effort to avoid another disaster like the poultry plant fire in Hamlet.

This action marks the first time in the 21 years of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) existence that the federal government has had to take over part of a states requirement in protecting and enforcing worker safety laws.



Student displays activism

By CHRISTOPHER D. SHARPE
View Editor

In a society where the emphasis is on financial success and instant gratification, Ariadna Martinez stands apart.

"When I tell people that I work with AIDS patients, they look at me like I'm from Mars or something," Martinez said. "They wonder why I'm doing this, like I'm a masochist or something."

Martinez, a sophomore and a psychobiology major at Valley, believes that AIDS education is a necessity.

"I feel that it's more important than English or any other class that we have to take," said Martinez.

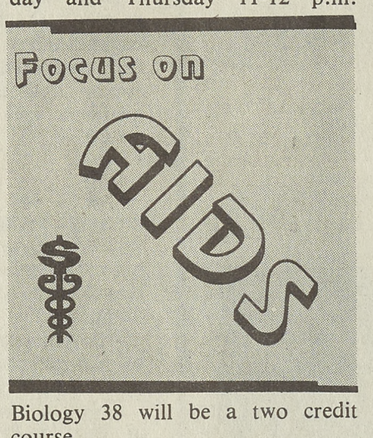
So, when the administration decided to drop Biology 38, the only AIDS education class being offered in any local community college, Martinez felt compelled to get involved.

"Getting the AIDS class reinstated is something I can do," said Martinez. "If I can help get people more aware, I will."

"I'm not a scientist," continued Martinez. "I probably know very little about AIDS, but if I can help... I plan on going out and talking to people in classes so they can become aware of the problem of AIDS and AIDS education."

On Nov. 15, the College Council voted to reinstate Biology 38.

The class, "AIDS, biology and impact will be held in the Life Science building, Room 103, Tuesday and Thursday 11-12 p.m.



Biology 38 will be a two credit course.

Martinez became more aware of the problem of AIDS through a friend who, not coincidentally, was taking the AIDS education class.

"It got me interested," said Martinez. "When I started working at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital's AIDS ward, I didn't know anything about AIDS. I had fears, but gradually I understood what the limits were.

"Now, I'm no longer afraid. It wasn't easy to just go into a room and start talking to the patients. First, I started by delivering newspapers and saying hello."

Many of these people have made me realize our ignorance," said Martinez. "They often tell me if they had known then what they know now, they would have changed many things in their lives."

Martinez paused. "No one should suffer the way these people are suffering."

"I feel," said Martinez, "due to my knowledge, I have the responsibility to do what they can't do. People won't listen to them because they're homosexual or sick. People just ignore (these patients) like it's someone else's problem."

"Getting the AIDS class back is something I can do," said Martinez.

Taking the initiative, Martinez turned to outside sources to fund the class.

"I've called many organizations," said Martinez, "but they're there to support people who have AIDS; they want to help, but they need money themselves."

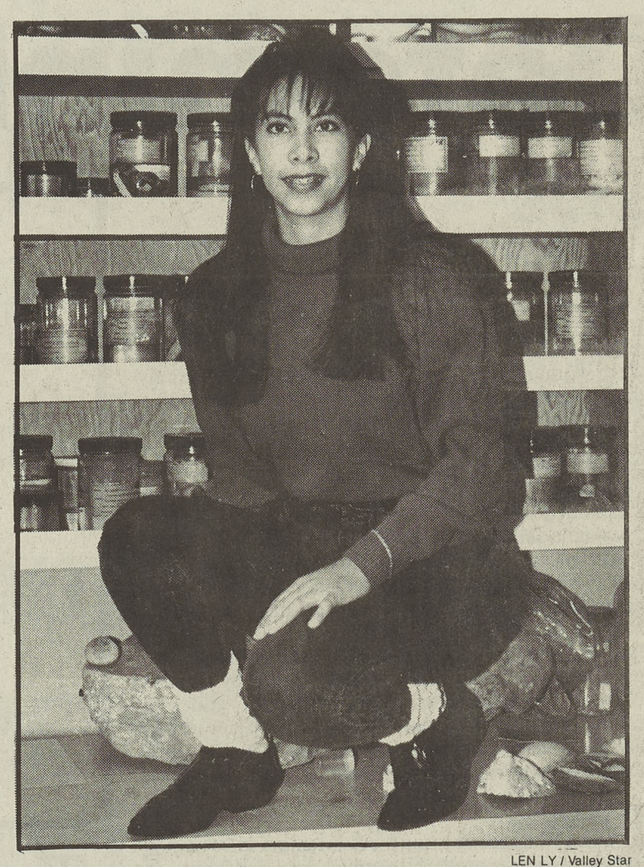
Martinez did get positive responses from the Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, as well as Elizabeth Taylor's publicist.

"(The hospital) was very receptive," said Martinez. "(Administrator) Kate O'Rourke said she would try to get the hospital to donate money, or else (she would) help find funding elsewhere."

Martinez also said Taylor, who has championed AIDS research, has offered to donate perfume to be auctioned off for the purpose of raising money for the class.

"I'd like to have the class as a requirement," said Martinez. "Everybody should take it, and they would be more willing to take the class if they knew we were all at risk."

"It's my responsibility," Martinez continued. "We can't let the deaths of these people be in vain. It doesn't seem fair to let them disappear all of a sudden. Their deaths have to teach us something."



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REACHING OUT — Ariadna Martinez, a psychobiology major, was a crucial part of getting the AIDS class reinstated.

Library receives $2,500 donation

By JENNIFER CASE
Editor in chief

A new book dedication program sponsored by the Patrons Association has raised $2,500 so far for Valley's library to buy new books that they wouldn't otherwise have, according to David May, Library Chairman.

The book plates that were sold at the fundraiser last May, were sold for $25, $250, $2500.

"In order to survive the cuts in funding, the association has to be competitive in getting funds. It (the plates) make a wonderful fund raising event," Ed Sugar, member of the association said.

The program is similar to the one the Central Library employed after they're tragic fire.

After the proceeds from the fundraiser were used to cover costs of the plates, 50 percent was given to the library and the rest was given to the association which will be used for various causes on campus.

Dennis Reed, Associate Dean of Community and Industrial Relations who is also handling the project said he was enthused about it's success and called it a good idea.

"Anybody can pick a book in the library for their inscription to go into it," he said about the plates.

Reed said that it will be an ongoing thing and the plates will able to purchased by calling Ext. 424 or going to administration 100.

Library Chairman David May said that he is happy the library received this money, but said "it will only help to some degree."

May explained that the new tax on magazines and newspapers have already cost the library $3,000.

He hopes to purchase more magazine subscriptions and upkeep the ones they already have. He also hopes to subscibe to some more popular titles.

"All in all, it contributes to the well-being of the college," May said about the money.

The Patrons Association also supported the Czechoslovakian Art display and the visit from the East German teachers this year.

News Briefs

Former hostage Levine speaks at Valley

Jerry Levine, the first American hostage captured in Lebanon, will speak at Valley 7 p.m. next Wednesday at Valley in Monarch Hall.

Levine, the CNN bureau chief in Lebanon at the time, will be with his wife, Sis, who helped him escape and later wrote a book, *Beirut Diary*.

She will sign copies of the book after the event.

Christmas gift drives in progress

Two Christmas drives to benefit abused children and single pregnant mothers are currently taking place.

The drive for abused children, which will last until next Monday, collects toys between 3 and 7 p.m. daily in an area next to the Bookstore. It is co-sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Department of Children's Services and the ASU.

Suggested toys include stuffed animals, simple building toys, coloring books and crayons, dolls, board games, gift certificates and sports equipment.

The Valley College Collegians for Life is hosting its second annual Holiday Baby Shower to benefit Angels Way, a maternity home in Canoga Park. Maternity items can be brought to the ASU office in Campus Center 102 until next Wednesday.

Krupnick awards given

Robert Gerard took first place in the Krupnick Geography Photo/Slide Competition awards presented Tuesday.

Dror Kedem and Sigi Ividan tied for second and Sandra Palmer placed third in the competition. All received trophies, a 3D map of Los Angeles and a certificate of participation.

The awards are named for Belle and Harry Krupnick, who are benefactors of the Krupnick Foundation, which has given out awards in English, journalism and geography to Valley students for the past four years.

"We're very proud of Valley College," Harry Krupnick said. "We feel community colleges play a very important part in a highly democratic, multicultural society."

MEChA solicits artists

Artists are welcomed to participate in MEChA's El Valle de San Fernando Chicano Art Expo, to be held Jan. 6-10 at the Fireside Room in Monarch Hall.

Applications to display art will be available until next Thursday. The expo's main emphasis is to present barrio artists who are not typically exposed.

For more information, contact MEChA at 781-1200, exts. 361 or 384 and ask for Fabiola Torres or Ernesto Ortega.

Corrections

Richard Raskoff of the Science Department was incorrectly quoted in the *Star*. His quote should've read " it should be worked out," instead of "it should be moved out."

It was incorrectly reported that John Clerx and Sam Mayo were replaced. They are still employed in administration.

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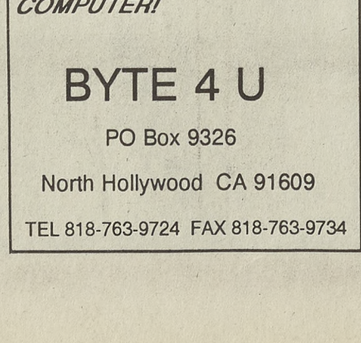

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A touch of jazz

Adam Asamow of the Valley Jazz Band performed a piano solo at a concert in Monarch Hall Monday night.

The Jazz Band, directed by Woody James, presents regular concerts. Their next performance will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15 in Music 112 at noon.

—Photo and text by Uzi Ashkenazi

I'm so glad we had this time together, just to laugh or...

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Entertainment Editor

This is my last column. My tirades have been terminated to allow the University of Texas to share in my television knowledge. Well, not quite. But to quote Dennis Miller, formely of Saturday Night Live, "I am outta here." But before I go, I have one final comment on television—real life is far more interesting.

The last few weeks, my own life has been tumultuous. The other night I was preparing to go out for the evening and got ready to set the VCR. I stopped. Even though some of my favorite shows were on, I realized I didn't care anymore. Life was too fascinating at the moment.

Where else but in real life could you encounter people with such bizarre, and constantly used, nicknames as Professor Koala, Abrahma-Rama, Teapot, Holmes, Mikemeister, Sparkle and Geekers Nos. 1 and 2?

Where else could you fight big, bad yuppies by popping gum and dressing disrespectfully?

In the time I've been writing this column, I have encountered real-life people who are so much more colorful than television characters, that I am forced to wonder why they're not on television themselves.

We in the Journalism Department have certainly had our moments this semester. In order to deal with the incessant chaos, we have used comic relief. One of our first inventions was the *Valley Star* Psycho List.

This list was created and expanded every time an unbelievable character entered our newsroom, and thus our life, and stayed.

Tyrrell's Tirades

Psycho Type A is the student who believes my sole purpose as a writer is to put his or her name in print on a weekly basis. When I am out covering a story I am innundated with multiple offers from one single person to express his or her views for 20,000 students to share. Psycho Type A also feels that my colleague's opinion page is a great place to tap his or her unbelievable writing skills by expressing opinions that have no point other than wasting ink.

Pyscho Type B goes beyond trying to appear in the *Star* for no good reason. Psycho Type B tries to *live* at the *Star* for no good reason. After a long day of covering a story, doing an interview and squeezing in a class or two, I will find myself walking up the ramp to the journalism bungalow only to find a Type B lounging too comfortably in one of our smoking chairs on the porch.

"Hi, Susan," Type B bubbles. "Have a seat and talk to me."

Like I have nothing better to do.

I attempt a lame excuse and dash inside. Usually I am followed. Eventually someone on the staff who probably PMS bluntly tells Type B to blast off.

Intersetingly enough, Psycho Type C is worse than A or B, even though C Psychos monopolize our phone time and we never have to deal with them face to face. The modus operandi of a Type C involves soliciting the *Star* for every whim conceivable. There was the lady who called repeatedly asking our staff to help her obtain a flagpole. Dealing with her was incredible. While she babbled endlessly the poor unfortunate editor held captive by her would grimace. Finally, I would go to another extension of the phone, push a button to make the phone beep and pretend I was the operator with an emergency interrupt. Sometimes she believed I was the operator, But she told me off anyway. Type C's are the worst because they simply dial a listed number and ask for one of the editors. We don't know who's calling. We innocently take the receiver and find that while we were being held hostage our friends have had dinner and a movie.

I have not written of some of our most aggravating or annoying psychos, but they would probably be too easily identified. I must emphasize that the majority of people I've dealt with are very cool. These psychos are rare exceptions that usually end up providing humor.

Sometimes people ask me how I can spend so many long hours in this bungalow every week. Is there any question now? It's not that the work takes forever, it's the sanity maintenence.

I've had a total blast writing my tirades, thanks for reading. And yes, Terry, this column is so damn ironic. Old time's sake and all, you know.

Art review

3000 years in one trip

By CHRISTINA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Three thousand years of Mexican Art is currently at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). On display are beautiful statues and figures carved from mountain sides; jewelry and gems, fresscos and paintings. Art up to the 20th century, all from Mexico.

The average person on the street unaware of the exhibits at the musuems and galleries in Los Angeles would not know the enormity and the extent of the work being presented. The reason behind this is that LACMA, for some reason or another, decided to advertise the show featuring one artist; Frida Kahlo.

Don't get me wrong, I'm as much a Frida fan as the next guy, well not really because right now we're having such a Frida explosion, but I do admire and respect her work and her life. But the point being that the show's content is not just her. It's a wide array of art spanning across 30 centuries, with different artists from different Mexican citites. But I guess Frida and her well-known husband, Diego Rivera, sell merchandise like books, posters and magnets; and that's the whole point in advertising, to sell.

It's too bad they neglected all the other not-so-commercial artists because there is an ignored culture here to be recognized and appreciated that we as an American society don't get to see. The art different than the Roman, French, and English 'masters' we're used to seeing. It's full of raw energy that has waited 3000 years to be released.

Around the Baroque period you can see the influence European style had on the painters of the time, the work suffered greatly mirroring the Europeans instead of following their own traditions and styles, but art and history go hand in hand and other things suffered to the Europeans at this time also, such as religion and their goverment.

Thankfully, they turned their backs on the European style and started to create again in the 19th century and this is where the show picks up its second wind of excitment displaying contemporary Mexican artists who hold more than a candle stick to the art of the west.

If you are interested in the exhibit do not expect to pop over there on a Saturday afternoon and plan on getting in, for this show you have to get your tickets a week in advance through Ticketmaster. The admission price is still the same, but there is a $2 service fee Ticketmaster charges. But make sure to tell them youre a student, and bring your school ID for a discount.

When you do get in be ready for a crowd because the exhibit is packed you'll need a good five hours to see the show in it's entirity. You can take or leave the recorded tour, which costs an extra $3 but really doesn't give you a lot of information. But I found that if it's really crowded the sound from the headset keeps out the distractions and helps to concetrate on the beauty and the history a little more.

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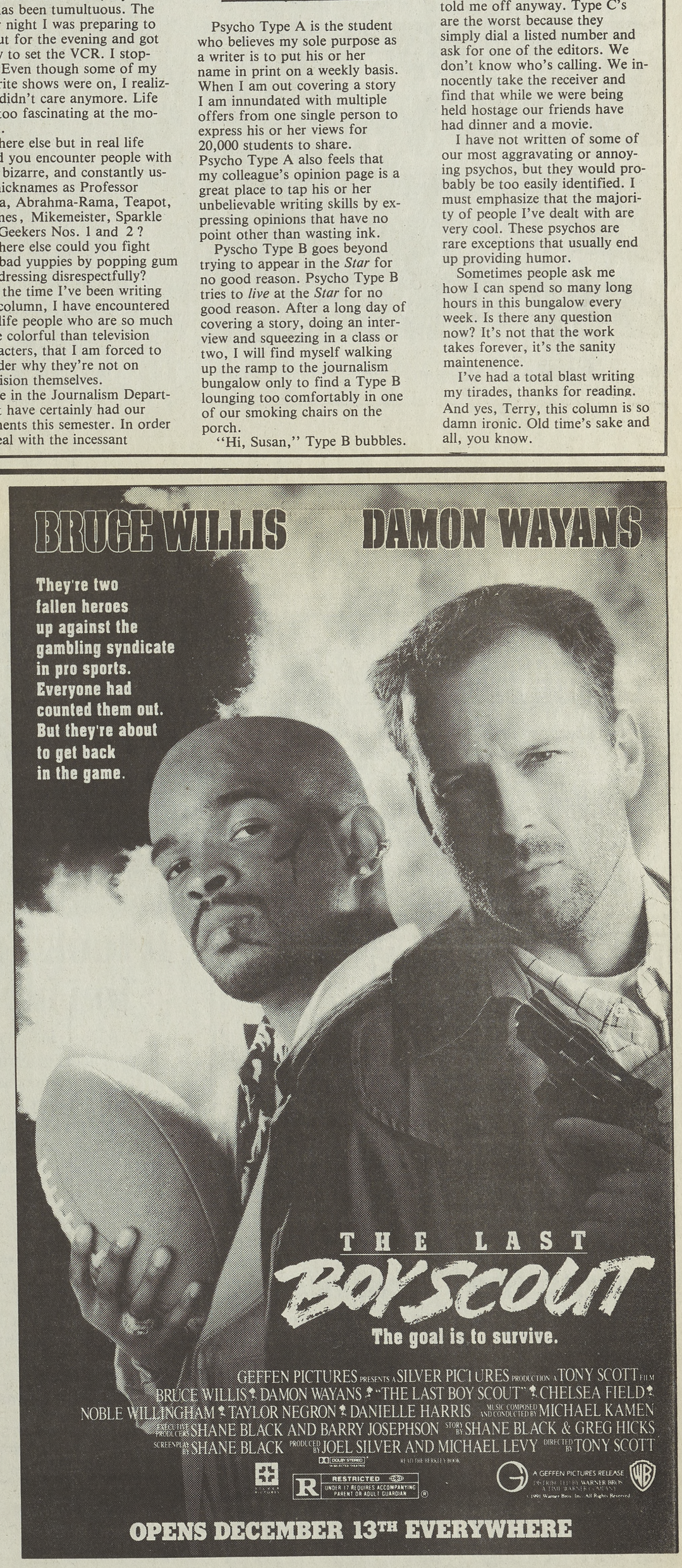
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Profile:

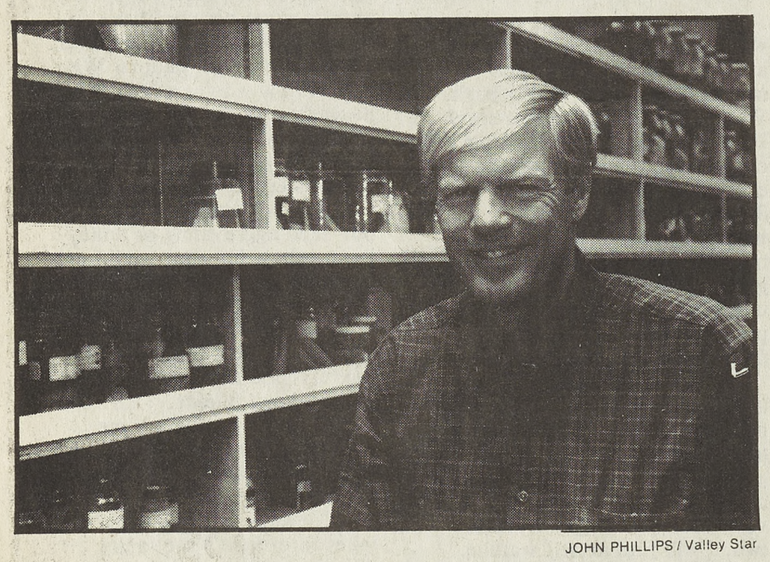
Krauss named WSC waterpolo coach of year

By ANNA VILLA
Sports Editor

There is a huge crustacean in the far corner, rows of bottles containing odd-named marine life, bubbling sounds from the aquarium provides the oceanic sounds and in the middle of it all behind a stack of papers sits Bill Krauss, looking the part of a surfer boy and groaning about the school's budget problems.

Krauss is the chairman of the Biology department at Valley, teacher of marine biology and coach of the water polo and swim teams for the Monarchs. At the end of this water polo season, he was named coach-of-the-year by the Western States Conference coaches for the fifth time in his twenty years of coaching.

"It's real interesting because I'm living in two worlds," Krauss said. "I can go out in the afternoons and coach and teach my classes in the morning. It's a real good mixture."



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REAL-LIFE SPECIMEN—Bill Krauss sits amidst preserved marine life in his Biology Department office.

Basically, though, it's the marine world for Krauss. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Krauss and his family moved to California when he was four. His father, he says, was "awesome" in the butterfly and at one point was even the fastest in the world. At UCLA, Krauss swam and played water polo for the Bruins where he helped edge the team along to capture the national championship "a long time ago, somewhere between 1960 and 1968," he said modestly. He later moved on to Cal State Long Beach where he attained his master's degree in Biology/Marine Biology.

Now he swims at least 1000 yards every day and occasionally plays water polo. He adheres to a year-round schedule. In the summer, Krauss is a lifeguard at Zuma beach, is in charge of the junior life guards and teaches surfing and skin diving.

Any time for personal life? "Well, sure," he said, chuckling loudly, "I've got a wife and three children. I'm real good at organizing my time," he said while reaching for one of the messages tacked on to his phone. "I make time for my personal life," he said, pausing briefly to read the note.

He said he enjoys teaching, especially his marine biology class. "I really enjoy that class, it's a great class. We talk about sharks and we go to neat field trips like Annacappa Island," he said with a boyish grin.

Krauss has also followed the waves to Kauna, Hawaii, one of his favorite places to surf and dive for abalone and lobster. "You know, all my interests kinda fit together," he said contentedly. "I'm doing exactly what I want to do, it's really an excellent job and I have a lot of fun–it's really very interesting," he said.

"I think the hardest thing now is coaching because there's a fewer number of swimmers available since there's not as many swimming programs available in high school; that makes recruiting harder, more stressful," he said.

"I don't have any other aspirations now, but if I had time I would like to enroll in a Ph.D program in biology. I don't have time what with everything else, but it would be great if I could do it. I really like teaching biology and I like science and I wouldn't want to give that up," he said.

See-saw effort nets 78-65 win

By MILES GRANDFIELD
Associate Sports Editor

Despite his team's 78-65 victory over Moorpark Tuesday night, Valley College basketball coach Jim Stephens was not a happy camper after the game.

"Did you see how Moorpark kept coming back after we had big leads?" Stephens asked. "We could be a very good team but we just can't sustain any intensity," he continued. "We are 6-5 for the season but we should be 9-2."

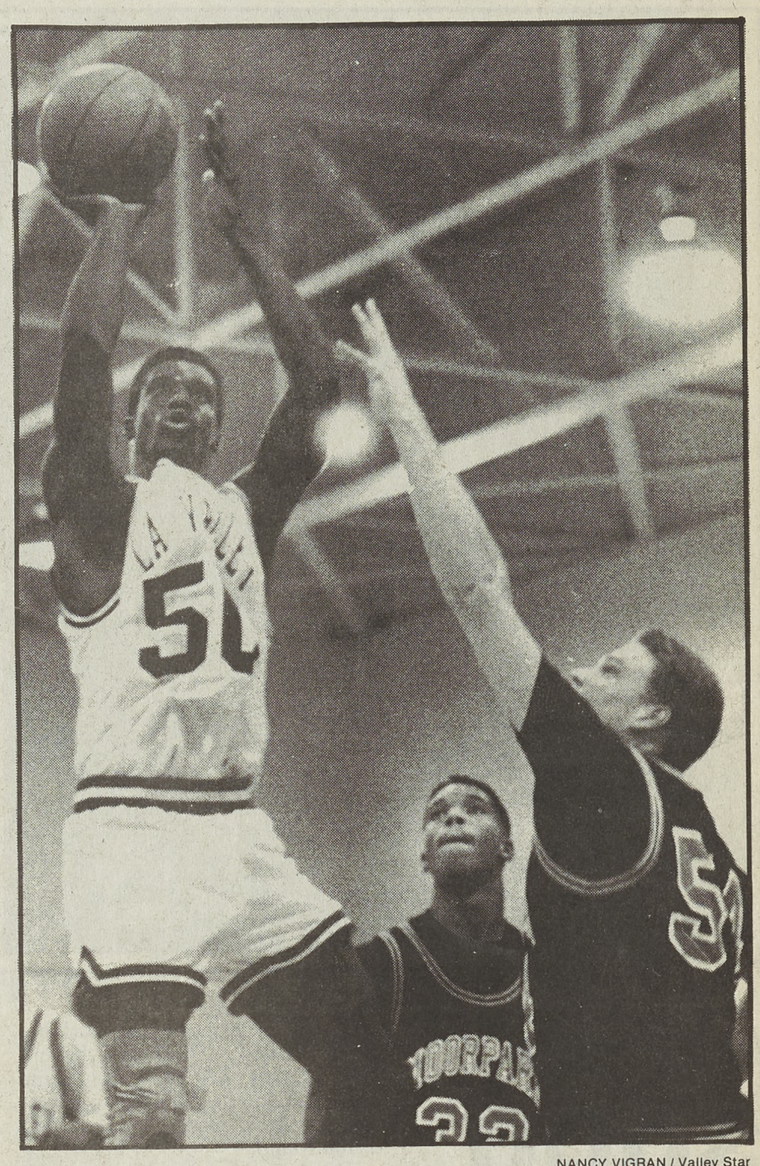
The game was a see-saw affair alright, but Valley had a distinct edge in depth of talent, and never trailed after going ahead early in the first half. Wild fluctuations in the amount of their lead are what led to the coach's frustration. The Monarchs mounted two 18-point leads that were wiped out by Raider surges in the second half.

Player number 32 dominated the scoring for each team. Valley forward Russell Baldwin finished the game with 28 points, and Moorpark guard Ryan Smith had 32. Valley used a wide assortment of player combinations to try to stop Smith, but nothing really worked.

The Monarchs, who were ranked 14th in the state at the beginning of the season, will have to play with more consistency if they are to have a successful year, according to Stephens.

"We have beaten some very good teams," Stephens said. And then, showing a thin space between thumb and forefinger, he said, "We have come this close to winning some games that we just blew. We beat ourselves."

Coming off a third-place finish in the Orange Coast Tournament last weekend, Valley will have two more tournaments and four games before Western State Conference play begins Jan. 22.



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ART IN MOTION—Foreward Art Kirksey skies for jump shop in 78-65 win on Monarchs' home court.

Monarch Calendar

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 14	Sat.	Grossmont	Grossmont	5:00
Dec. 17	Tues.	Moorpark	Valley	7:00
Dec. 20-22	Fri.-Sun.	Coast Christmas Classic	Costa Mesa	TBA
Dec. 27-30	Fri.-Mon.	Fullerton Invitational Tourn	Fullerton	TBA

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 18-21	Wed.-Sat.	Glendale Tournament	Glendale	TBA
Dec. 27-29	Fri.-Sun	College of the Desert Tourn	COD	TBA

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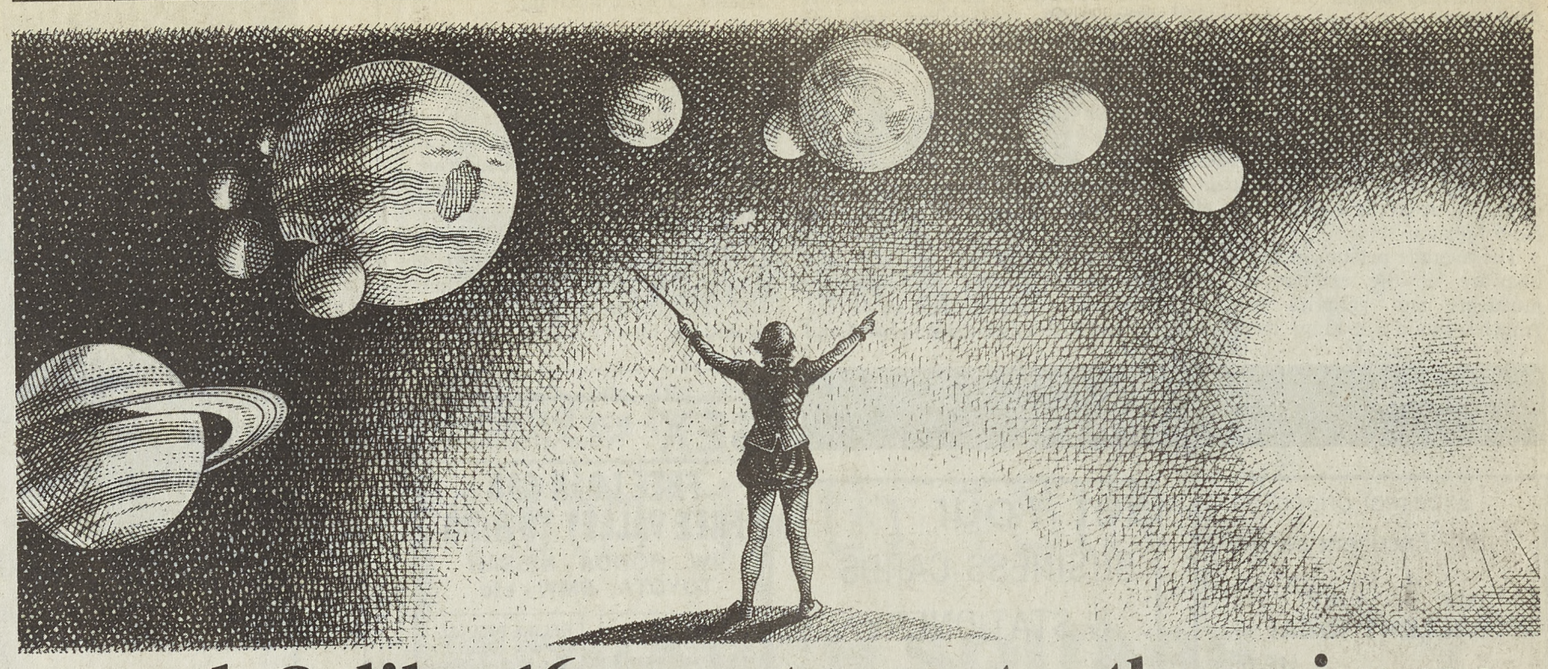

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